

Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Minutes for May 22, 2006

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments offices in Los Angeles. There was a videoconference at the SCAG Inland Office in Riverside. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Paul Nowatka, City of Torrance. The flag salute was led by Toni Young, City of Port Hueneme.

Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica

Members Present

Bowlen, Paul
Cook, Debbie
Feinstein, Michael
Miller, Mike
Nowatka, Paul
Young, Toni

Representing

Cerritos
Huntington Beach
Ex-Officio
West Covina
Torrance
Port Hueneme

Members Absent

Aldinger, Jim
Garcia, Lee Ann
O'Connor, Pam
Ovitt, Gary
Perry, Bev
Pettis, Greg

Representing

Manhattan Beach
Grand Terrace
Santa Monica
San Bernardino
Brea
CVAG

New Members

None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Paul Nowatka, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None offered.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 The minutes of April 24, 2006 were approved as submitted.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

None

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6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Air Quality Chapter

Sheryll Del Rosario, SCAG Associate Planner, initiated a discussion on the previous efforts and activities concerning the Air Quality Chapter of the RCP. Staff addressed the previously established air quality policies and resolutions to be incorporated in the chapter. The task force recommended reviewing these established policies and updating the language, where deemed necessary, to reflect current practices. Additionally, staff solicited input on chapter goals and performance outcomes. A variety of key issues and strategies were provided by the task force, including providing quantifiable measures and examining the health effects of incompatible land uses. Staff will provide additional updates to the RCP Task Force as the Air Quality Chapter is further developed.

6.2 Regional Council Retreat

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, facilitated discussion regarding the Retreat. The presentation will take place on Friday, June 2. The task force indicated that it would prefer to make its presentation on Thursday, June 1 and have a credible, high profile speaker that can make the case for the need for urgent action on challenges facing the region. One suggested speaker is Robert Kauffman.

6.3 Education in the RCP

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, facilitated discussion regarding the treatment of education within the plan based on staff's recommendation that a "special focus section" on education be developed such as the treatment of the public finance in the RCP.

6.4 Energy Working Group Update

Debbie Cook, task force member, and Jennifer Sarnecki, SCAG Staff, informed the group that the first Energy Working Group meeting took place on April 25 and was attended by approximately 20 participants. The next meeting will take place on May 23.

6.5 Open Space Working Group/Open Space Chapter Consultant Introduction

Jill Eggerman, SCAG Staff, informed the group that an invite list is currently being developed for the Open Space Working Group and the invitations will be going out this week. It is hoped that the first meeting of the working group will take place in June. Jill Eggerman introduced the Open Space Consultant, Jean Carr, of Jones and Stokes.

6.6 Finance Consultant Introduction

Joseph Alcock, SCAG Staff, introduced the financial consultant, Craig Hoshijima, Public Financial Management and their 2 subconsultants.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, will consult with Chair, Pam O'Connor on changing the beginning time of the task force meetings.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice-chair, Paul Nowatka, raised concern that the RCP Task Force is not large enough and would like to agendaize discussion of this concern at the next meeting.

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 noon. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2006, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.